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SUBJECT: IRANIAN AIR FORCE TRAINING FOR YAR

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1. BEFOHA WE APPROACH GOI RE POSSIBLE TRAINING IN IRAN FOR 50 YEMENI AIR FORCE PILOTS AND GROUND CREWS, WE WOALD APPRECIATE INXF AS TO SOURCE AND ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF F-5 AIRCRAFT FOR YEMEN. WILL AIRCRAFT BE PROVIDED BY SAG AND IF SO, WHICH MODEL WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IF YEMENIS ARE COUNTING ON IRAN AS SOURCE OF SUPPLY, WE NOTE THAT IIAF HAS FOLLOWING MAP-PROVIDED AIRCRAFT IN ITS INVENTORY: 21 OF 57 F-5A'S; 12 OF 12 RF-5A'S AND 11 OF 20 F-5B'S. NEW F-5E PROGRAM SHOULD REACH STAGE ABOUT ONE YEAR FROM NOW WHERE SOME F-5A'S MAY BE DECLARED SURPLUS BY IIAF. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED WITH GOI ANY PLANS

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AIRCRAFT TO A THIRD COUNTRY.

2. ABILITY OF IRANIANS TO TRAIN YEMENI PILOTS AND GROUND CREWS WOULD DEPEND IN FIRST INSTANCE ON PRIOR EXPERIENCE OF YEMENI OFFICERS AND NONGOVERNMENTALS. WE WOULD IMAGINE THAT FOR MEN WITH GOOD BACKGROUNDS TRAINING MIGHT BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT ONE YEAR'S TIME, ALLOWING PERIOD FOR MAKING ARRANGEMENTS, 16 TO 20 WEEKS ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING AND BALANCE FOR PILOT AND GROUND CREW INSTRUCTION. IF PILOTS AND GROUND CREWS HAVE HAD NO, OR ONLY LIMITED, EXPERIENCE WITH F-5 TYPE AIRCRAFT, MUCH LONGER PERIOD WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR PROPER INSTRUCTION. IRANIANS COULD DO VERY ACCEPTABLE TRAINING WORK WITH EXPERIENCED YEMENI PILOTS AND CREWS. HOWEVER, MOST IRANIAN INSTRUCTOR PILOTS AND OTHER PERSONNEL QUALIFIED IN F-5 PROGRAM WILL BE SHIFTED TO F-5E PROGRAM BEGINNING MAY THIS YEAR. WHILE THE DIVERSION OF SOME QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO TRAIN YEMENIS WOULD NOT WORK SERIOUS HARDSHIP ON IIAF, IT WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL PLANNING AND ASSIGNMENT OF HIGH PRIORITY TO YEMEN ASSISTANCE BY GOI.

3. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT IRANIANS ARE EAGER TO TAKE ON LONG-TERM, MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAINING AND SUPPLY OF F-5 EQUIPPED YAR AIR FORCE. IN OUR OPINION, IRANIANS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO MOVE QUICKLY TO TAKE ON ANY HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES IN COUNTRY WHERE THEY HAVE HAD UNCERTAIN POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP TO DATE. HOWEVER, WE CAN GET BETTER FEELING FOR THIS WHEN WE RAISE SUBJECT WITH MFA.

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